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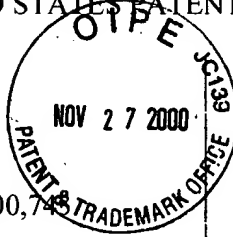
In re application of:

BENNEKER et al.

Appl. No.: CPA of 09/200,748

Filed: November 27, 2000

For: CRYSTALLINE PAROXETINE
METHANE SULFONATE (as
amended)



Art Unit: 1625

Examiner: Chang, C.

Atty. Docket: POTUS03

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 27, 2000

Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action on the merits, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Title

Please delete the title and replace it with the following new title:

"CRYSTALLINE PAROXETINE METHANE SULFONATE"

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 1-9, 11, 15, 17, 20-22, and 24-29 and replace them with the following new claims 30-39:

30. Crystalline paroxetine methanesulfonate prepared by crystallizing paroxetine methanesulfonate from ethyl acetate.

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